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SELMER, TENN., Feb. 11, 1921.

Mrs. A. O. Wooten spent Tuesday at Corinth.

Carl King of Selmer route 1, was a business caller this week.

Jess Clayton, Henderson's live stock dealer, was in Selmer Monday.

C. G. Perkins of Corinth was transacting business in Selmer Tuesday.

J. R. Gooch is looking after business interests in Birmingham this week.

Terry Abernathy spent a day in Corinth this week on professional business.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. R. Erwin of Ramer were visitors to Selmer the first of the week.

J. E. Deaton, one of Bethel Springs' energetic merchants, is a renewal subscriber.

Artye Dancer of the 10th district has been the guest of friends in Selmer this week.

Mrs. Tram Wilson and baby of Chattanooga arrived Saturday to visit relatives in Selmer.

Henry Cline and Arlie Lumpkins of near Murray's schoolhouse were in Selmer this week.

Lee McDaniel and wife have moved into the residence formerly occupied by them on Cypress avenue.

The Independent is \$1 a year.

T. A. Haynes of Pinson spent Monday in Selmer.

J. R. Olive of Ramer spent Monday in Selmer.

W. D. Hagy of Pittsburg Ldg., spent a part of the week in Selmer.

J. R. Henry of McNairy was a business visitor to Selmer the first of the week.

John Jones, a prosperous farmer of near Selmer called Monday and renewed his subscription to the Independent.

C. E. Wilson was one of the horse traders from Corinth who came to Selmer Monday, but on account of the all-day rain, very few trades were made.

The numerous friends of S. L. Haynes will learn with pleasure of his success in the produce and supply business in Corinth. He has located permanently in our neighboring town.

J. O. Hoover of Stantonville was in Selmer Saturday enroute to Corinth. Mr. Hoover is a former Selmerite and a more esteemed family never lived in the town than the Hoovers.

Tommy W. Prather left Monday for Baton Rouge, La., where he has accepted a position with the carpenter crew of Leo Huggins on the L. I. & N. R. Co. His family will remain in Selmer.

Jack Williams of Henderson was a social visitor to Selmer Sunday. This young man is a son of C. M. Williams, one of the best known bankers in West Tennessee, and well known in McNairy county.

Hall Hockaday was a visitor here Saturday.

J. W. McCoy of Gravelhill spent Sunday in Selmer.

G. F. Dickey of Finger was a business visitor to Selmer Monday.

J. L. Meeks, of Guys, was a business and social visitor here Saturday.

W. A. Burns and Elbert Bolding from Mayflower were in Selmer Monday.

R. P. Melton is a recent renewal on the Selmer list of Independent readers.

J. E. Barham and several of the 8th district citizens were in Selmer Monday.

W. W. Capooth and son, Cleatus, from near Ramer were in Selmer Monday.

J. R. Gooch spent a part of last week looking after his mercantile business at Gravelhill.

G. W. McCullar and wife are spending a few days in town visiting friends and relatives.

W. M. and Frank Sweat from Bethel Springs were business visitors to Selmer Monday.

Perry Coleman and son, Edgar, prosperous farmers of the first district, were in town Saturday.

A. M. Greene, deputy sheriff and stockman from the 10th district, called in to see us Monday.

F. M. Hines, a former citizen of Falcon, now living in the 15th district, was a visitor to Selmer Monday.

W. H. Devault, H. B. Lewis, C. H. Cude and J. B. Rhodes were among those here from Bethel Springs Monday.

Mrs. Henry Lumpkins and Mrs. Arlie Lumpkins were visiting the former's daughter, Mrs. James McNatt, on College Hill Monday.

Lis Brown, is at the home of his brother, W. M. Brown, where he has been confined for some days with sickness.

B. D. Young and P. J. Mahundro, two of the 18th's good citizens were in Selmer Monday and dropped in to see us.

J. E. Williams, of the 2d district, was in Selmer a short time this week. He is preparing to farm extensively this year.

Mrs. W. B. Lain and children of Corinth, and Mr. McCoy and daughter, Miss Maggie, of Gravelhill, were the Sunday guests of Earl Gooch and family.

W. E. Stone has been doing repair work on the Wilson hotel this week. Mrs. Minnie McCullar has moved to the hotel and is overhauling things in general.

Mrs. Minnie McCullar is soon to open a new hotel in the building opposite the Independent office. She has many friends who wish her success in the venture.

J. E. Hodges, McNairy's merchant and ginner, spent Monday in Selmer. John is of the opinion that the present "blue" feelings will not be of long duration.

Mansel Kendrick, who has been visiting relatives in Selmer, returned Friday night to Clarkdale, Miss., where he has a good position with the express company.

R. A. N. Lipford, one of the veteran teachers of the county, spent a few hours in Selmer Saturday. He has a flourishing school in the northern part of the county.

Ira Robinson, Ramer's courteous and efficient station agent, called Monday and ordered the Independent sent to Tom Reeder, of Ramer, who is employed at Springfield, Ill.

Mrs. Minnie McCullar, whose home on Railroad Street was destroyed by fire last week, has taken over the Wilson hotel, just opposite the Independent office, and will conduct a first-class boarding house.

W. A. King was in to see us recently. Billy King is one of the ruggedly honest and hard working farmers, and owns several hundred acres of good land north of Selmer.

J. E. Left of Trenton was in Selmer Monday. He is a traveling salesman for a wholesale hat concern of Chicago, and says that his sales this year are far less than those of last year.

Horry Hodges spent Monday in Selmer. He is secretary for Congressmen-elect Lon Scott, and will assume his active duties after March 4. He is one of the county's most popular men, for to know Horry Hodges is to like him, and he is known by every man, woman and child in the county.

Marriage Licenses

Elmer Robins to Birdie White. Prentiss Johnson to Essie King. Robt. Borwell to Dora Dichen.

W. R. Shook to Willie Counce. Clifford Barnes to Callie Lipford. Hlford Horton to Josie Patton.

By No Means a Dude.

The speaker was energetically orating in behalf of a candidate for congress. "What we want," spoke up a man in the audience, "is a man from the rank and file as our representative; a man from the common people, not one of these dudes that don't know anything but how to wear a long-tailed coat." "And that is just exactly what my candidate is," the speaker came back; "one of the common people. And by no stretch of the imagination could you call him a 'dude.' Why his idea of dressing up is to button his vest."

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Let J. E. take your measure for that new suit while you wait. Best price in town

If you have an old suit, we can clean it to look like new. L. Sanders, the old colored boy, cleans them, and his work is every bit guaranteed

Star Bright

A COMEDY DRAMA IN 3 ACTS

Bethel Springs High School
SATURDAY NIGHT, Feb. 12

CHARACTERS

Lemuel Bright, a "vile worm of the dust".....Troy Etheridge
William Walter Smith, a private detective.....J. B. Davidson
Walter Williams Smythe, a student from the "U".....Ewing Cobb
Arthur Pulver, otherwise known as Wescott.....Will Pigott
Jake Hoover; slow, but sure.....Charles Hendrix
Parson Williams, a friend in the nick of time.....Elizabeth Greene
Honor Bright, the wife.....Alice Cheatham
Star Bright (alias Madame Ormand) the elder daughter.....Annie Mae Hayes
Sunshine Bright, the younger daughter.....Helen Mae Rainey
Bird Denton, a college girl.....Angela Pigott
Melinda Bandy, with a love for romance.....Angela Pigott

Scene: Mountdale, a Village in the Adirondacks.

Time: The Present.

Time of Playing: Two hours and thirty minutes.

SYNOPSIS

ACT I—Garden at the Bright house. Late in the Summer. Morning.
ACT II—Sitting Room in the Bright Home. Afternoon of same day.
ACT III—Madame Ormand's Room in the Bright House; Two weeks later.

CURTAIN RISES AT 6:45 P. M.

ADMISSION: Adults 35c; Children 20c

FOR SALE

One pair of mules 6 and 8 years old, weight 800 lbs. Also one Chattanooga wagon and complete set of harness. Will sell for cash or good note. See

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Selmer, Tenn.

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SELMER

vs

GUNTOWN, MISS.,

Sat'rd'y, Feb. 12

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

Admission 15c and 25c



MR. RAT'S ONE LIFE

MR. RAT was cornered and he knew it. He tried to use force with big Mr. Tom Cat he would come to grief, so he used his wits, thinking to gain time and by so doing he might save his life.

"Before you take me," said Mr. Rat, "I should like to know, Mr. Tom, if it is true that you have nine lives."

"I have often heard this, but I have never believed it, and I should like to know before I die from your own lips the truth of this matter."

"It is quite true," replied Tom. "I have nine lives left. Once I was through into a pond and came home. Another with a bang."

"Are you dead yet?" asked Mr. Rat. Mr. Tom, to make him think he was, did not reply, but when he tried to jump out of the box, to his surprise, the cover was so heavy he could not move it.

Mr. Rat was safe, and he decided he would not run just yet, so he asked: "Are you there, Mr. Tom?"

"Yes, I came to life again; open the cover and I will show you," was the reply.

"Oh, I'll take your word for it," said Mr. Rat. "You have five lives left and I have only one, and if I let you out my one life would not be worth a grain of corn."

"I will take your word for it, Mr. Tom, that you are alive, and as you have five of your lives still left I will take care you do not see me again. Good-by. I hope you get out before your other five lives are used up."

Poor Mr. Tom meowed so loudly that some one heard him and let him out, but he stayed in the meal box so long that he almost smothered, and he was not at all sure after that whether he had five lives left or only one.

"Of course I would," said Tom, knowing that he would not smother, and thinking how surprised Mr. Rat would be to see him come out alive after he thought him dead.

"Want to see me do it?" he asked. "I should be delighted," said Mr. Rat, "but I must say I do not believe you can. So do not take any chances on my account. You might not be able to do it this time."

"Oh, if you had as many lives as I have you would not be afraid," said Mr. Tom. "It must be very uncomfortable to have only one life. Well, here I go. Now watch."

When Tom jumped in, Mr. Rat as quick as a streak, ran up the box and tipped the cover, and down it came with a bang.

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Entertainment

Selmer High School Building

FRIDAY NIGHT, 7:30, FEB. 11, 1920

PROGRAM

Reading.....Will Tom Abernathy
All She'd Say Was Umbrella.....Rossine Peoples, Will Terry Abernathy
Reading.....Sac Wooten

"THE FASCINATING FANNIE BROWN"

CHARACTERS

Percival Gale, who keeps a summer hotel, "Idlewild".....W. G. Robinson
Billy Pearson, the only man at the hotel.....Wm. Ferguson
Henry Dudley, a college Sophomore.....John Houston
Mrs. Caldwell.....Miss Florence English
Audrey Caldwell, guest at "Idlewild".....Miss Annie Rea Bell
Dorothy Dudley.....Miss Elizabeth Robbins
Florence Howe.....Miss Melissa Alexander
Mrs. Moffett, a neighboring cottager.....Miss Lula Alexander
Martha, a servant.....Miss Grace Wood

SYNOPSIS

ACT I—Scene. The living room of a small summer resort, "Idlewild."

BETWEEN ACTS:

Reading.....Dottie Wallace
Sweet Kisses.....Amelia Adams
Reading.....Will Terry Abernathy

ACT II—Scene: The same as in Act I, about midnight the same day.